

To whom it may concern,

As a Flight Attendant and a Cargo Pilot I have very strong feelings regarding the allowed use of cell phones onboard aircraft. My husband is also a Gold status flyer for business and has expressed his concerns for this plan.

There are innumerable safety reasons why this plan should not be enacted ranging from lack of evidence that cell phone signals could interfere with aircraft systems to the very real terrorist threats that we deal with as a country on a daily basis.

As a Flight Attendant, I have seen an increased loss in control of the cabin during safety demonstrations and announcements that would quadruple with the passing of this plan. Flying, when I was growing up, was an elegant way to travel and time spent aboard an aircraft was taken up by playing cards, sharing a meal, and relaxing on the shoulder of your traveling companion. As times have progressed we have gotten away from those days but we still need to provide a safe, enjoyable haven for a large group of people to travel in. Cell phones would only disrupt and annoy.

Technological advances such as Connexion by Boeing have allowed world wide web access to travelers and brings technology quietly into the cabin.

Please be sensible about weighing the risks to the few advantages in this matter.

Thanks for your attention,
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